

## THE LADIES BOOK CLUB.

Very Interesting Meeting Held Last Wednesday Afternoon—Macbeth the Subject of Study.

The Ladies Book Club of this city held a very interesting regular meeting last Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. R. A. Terrill on West Evelyn street, there being a large attendance and an earnest discussion of the lesson for the day.

This club has undertaken the study of Shakespeare's Macbeth during the present winter and the lesson for that afternoon was from Act I, Scene VII, and Act II, Scenes I and II, and the discussion of the various phases of the different characters which are prominent in that lesson was very earnest and enlightening. Mrs. C. P. Hutchings and Mrs. Charles R. Burrow both read papers which were more than interesting.

Mrs. James Ury Cranford, who was a member of the club before she moved to Oklahoma, was present and will again become a member as she has moved back to this city to make her home. She was gladly welcomed back by the members.

The club has decided to purchase a number of new books to add to their already extensive library and a committee consisting of Mrs. W. O. Bennett, Mrs. S. L. Ingham and Mrs. Travis Shaw has been appointed to make the selection and it is expected that before long these books will arrive and be added to the present collection.

## Please Sign Your Name.

We are in receipt of several items through the mails this week which would be interesting to the people of this county but the senders failed to sign their names and we did not get to investigate the items so that we could write them personally. Now we are glad to receive these items but we must know who is sending them in, not that we want to publish the names of the sender but that we may have confidence in the items themselves.

## Don't Be Discouraged.

That's a fool remark, isn't it? Well, if the writer didn't believe he was pretty well conversant with the situation he wouldn't be guilty of this platitude. The point is, that some of our farmers have lost two good chances this year for a cotton crop, and now find themselves "up against a proposition." We will start out by saying that this situation is mighty bad. That doesn't help matters any, then what?

The tendency among most men when they find themselves in a close place is to get out, no matter how, but to get out. And many men in a wild scramble to get out of what they considered a bad proposition have lost the savings of years, besides money they owed to men who were in no way to blame for their misfortune. Oftentimes the place to make your money again is where you lost it. There are disadvantages about any place in the world. In some respects another country might be better, and in many respects it might be worse. Some other occupation might have disadvantages as well as the one which you are in.

In making a move of any kind there is always a cost to count, and their ought to be a gain in view before it is made. You have the situation in hand where you are, and with a change you might be more at sea than ever. In fact, when everything is counted more often than otherwise you will do well to remain where you are and make the best of a bad situation.

Not all our country is hurt and the southern and eastern parts will make the loss on our crop from the west easier on all parties. It is also rare that cotton

makes here as it has this year in the western part of the county. So let's just take our loss, count up and see where we stand and proceed to fight it out. A man is never beaten until he acknowledges defeat. We are not nearly whipped yet and we have the best country anywhere. Cheer up, old fellow, we had just as well be in a good humor about it. "It is easy enough to be pleasant, when the world moves along like a song; but the man worth while is the man who can smile, when everything goes dead wrong."—Baylor County Banner.

## HOLIDAY GOODS ARRIVING.

Merchants Are Stocking Up With Nice Array of Articles For the Annual Celebration.

The merchants of the city have always had great confidence in the prosperity of the people in general and this is clearly shown as the Christmas time appears each year when the stocks of presents and toys are displayed for the benefit of the public.

This season there has been an unusual amount of confidence and a person who desires to remember kinfolks, sweetheart or friend need go no further than any one of the stores in this city where such goods are handled. From what this reporter has seen of the stocks that are now being opened and placed on display the variety is greater than has ever before been bought for the local market, and the general tone of quality has been improved.

"Old Santa" need have no fear but that there will be something for each person but the main trouble will be when he delays his selection until too late. Certainly there will be no excuse in this country for an empty stocking this Christmas.

## Santa Fe to Extend to Lubbock.

Waco, Dec. 9.—J. B. Holloway, who has just arrived from Lubbock, announced today that a contract has been closed with the Santa Fe railroad for the extending of its line from Plainview to Lubbock and that the road will put up a substantial forfeit. The work starts immediately. The towns are about forty miles apart.

## For a Lame Back.

When you have pains or lameness in the back bathe the parts with Chamberlain's Liniment twice a day, massaging with the palm of the hand for five minutes at each application. Then dampen a piece of flannel slightly with this liniment and bind it on over the seat of pain, and you may be surprised to see how quickly the lameness disappears. For sale by City Pharmacy.

## Stray Cow.

One brown and white cow with tie rope around neck. Owner may have the same by calling at Danfair ranch northwest of city. 37-1tp C. L. DANIELS.

Sam Marshall has resigned as manager for the local telephone company and has accepted a position with the White Swan Grocery Company. Mr. Marshall has been connected with the telephone company for a long time and was well liked as a manager, and considering the equipment furnished him he made a success of the operation of the system.

John E. Albers of Wisner, Nebraska, was in the city Monday on a visit to his sons who are located on some of the Block pasture lands east of the city. He was on his way to California where he expects to spend a portion of the winter.

Horace James was in this city from Ceta last Monday. We presume that he came to town to help Mose Wesley verify the killing of that deer.

## HEREFORD DRAMATIC COMPANY.

Amateur Company From Sister City Gives Entertaining Play at Opera House.

Though the play had not been very thoroughly advertised, the Hereford Dramatic Company was greeted by a large crowd at the opera house last Friday night when they presented a rural comedy of the western plains entitled, "Jim Burley's Ranch."

This company was composed almost entirely of local talent from our sister city of Hereford and despite the fact that one of the leading men in the play was unfortunate enough to miss the train in coming up that afternoon, the members of the company proved themselves worthy and energetic, and by shifting the cast of characters somewhat gave the play anyhow. The company being composed of amateurs the assembled crowd was willing to make some excuses for any mishap, but these excuses for the company were not necessary because the company gave a much better rendition of their very interesting story than even the most optimistic had expected.

It would be hard for anyone to single out the best character for the reason that each person in his regular assignment in the play seemed to well fitted for the part assigned.

An orchestra composed of some of the musicians of the city was present and assisted in the performance, playing the overtures before the curtain raised and during the intermissions between the acts. It would be well to mention that Wesley Sturdee sang several songs which elicited an encore each time, which clearly shows that they were appreciated.

Judge Buie went to Tulsa on a business trip Wednesday.

Mrs. B. Frank Buie and little daughter, Edith, are visiting in Tulsa this week.

All kinds of cleaning and pressing done by O. B. Cotton are the best that can be done. 37-2t

Hay For Sale—I have a quantity of Alfalfa hay and baled sorghum for sale at my barn just north of the square. M. F. Slover. 37tf

Joe Foster has been under the weather for the most of this week but we are glad to report that his sickness is not considered dangerous by any means.

The Rogerson Hotel dining room is now under the management of Schultz & Schultz, experienced caterers, and they expect to furnish the best meals in the city. 37-3t

R. G. Kirsch of the firm of R. G. Kirsch & Co., who are the architects on the new court house building for this county, is in the city on a tour of inspection of the work now being done. He expresses himself well pleased with the progress and the quality of the work.

Judge L. C. Lair and L. E. Cowling together with Claude N. Harrison went to Amarillo last Monday to receive the two new autos which they had bought. Judge Lair thinks that the agent must have mixed the machines on him for he could not keep his machine out of the barbed wire fence but he also claims that he has about conquered the animal now.

Let O. B. Cotton do your cleaning and pressing. 37-2t

J. M. Whitaker of Falls City, Neb., was among those who came to this county last week with a view of locating here. He stated to the News reporter that he was very much impressed with this country and that it had by far exceeded his expectations.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Redfearn and their baby of Plainview visited relatives and friends in this city this week.

Be a News subscriber.

## PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS INSTITUTE.

To be Held at School House in Canyon City Dec. 14th to 19th Inclusive.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13.

10 a. m.—Opening Exercises.  
10:10 to 10:40 a. m.—Address by County Superintendent.  
Organization.  
1:30 p. m.—How to Secure Regularity and Promptness in Attendance Upon the School—J. L. Redus.  
2:15 p. m.—Methods of Conducting a History Recitation—J. H. Crowley and Miss Bryson.  
3:00 p. m.—How to Correlate History and Geography—Miss Emma Neal and Miss Fannie Johnson.  
Roll Call and Closing Exercises.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 21.

9:00 a. m.—Opening Exercises.  
9:10 a. m.—A Lesson in Psychology: Instincts—J. L. Redus.  
9:45 a. m.—Reading, Class Demonstration—Miss Bertha Tuttle, followed by Miss Ottilie Gibbs.  
10:00 a. m.—How to Teach Dialectical Marks—C. E. Coss, followed by J. W. Randall.  
11:15 a. m.—To What Extent Can Country Schools be Graded—W. L. Brethaupt and J. M. Craig.  
1:30 p. m.—How Often Should Trustees Visit the School—Dr. F. M. Wilson.  
2:00 p. m.—Methods of Teaching Agriculture—J. D. Cleveland and Miss Annie Kirk.  
2:45 p. m.—Effect of School Environment—Miss Emma Bryson and Miss Nellie Boyle.  
3:30 p. m.—Knotty Problems in Teaching—General Discussion.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22.

9:00 a. m.—Needed School Legislation—C. V. Woolley, Esq.  
9:45 a. m.—Lesson in Psychology: Instincts—J. L. Redus.  
10:30 a. m.—School Sanitation—Dr. S. R. Griffin.  
11:15 a. m.—Primary Class Work—Miss Emma Neal.  
1:30 p. m.—Arithmetic to Fractions—Miss Nell Gilliam and Miss Ida Rowan.  
2:15 p. m.—Should the Teacher's Authority Over the Pupils Extend Beyond the School Grounds—Miss Belle Shotwell and Miss Julia Frary.  
3:30 p. m.—Technical Grammar—J. M. Craig.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23.

9:00 a. m.—Opening Exercises.  
Lesson in Psychology: Association—J. L. Redus.  
9:45 a. m.—Paper: Literature in Schools—Miss Edna O'Bryan.  
10:30 a. m.—Paper: Literature in the Grades—Miss Bertha Tuttle.  
11:15 a. m.—Literature in the High School—C. E. Coss.  
1:30 p. m.—Texas History—Miss Lillie Leonard and Miss Annie Kirk.  
2:15 p. m.—Physiology: How to Teach It—Miss Ida Rowan and Miss Nell Gilliam.  
3:30 p. m.—Essentials of Good Discipline—Miss Minnie Frary and J. M. Craig.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24.

9:00 a. m.—Opening Exercises.  
How to Teach Fractions—J. H. Crowley.  
9:45 a. m.—How to Teach Percentage—J. D. Cleveland and J. W. Randall.  
10:30 a. m.—Discussion, Appropriate Opening Exercises—General Discussion.  
11:15 a. m.—School Law—J. C. Hunt.  
1:30 p. m.—General Business—General Discussion.

## SATURDAY NIGHT, DEC. 19, 1908.

Song by audience.  
Invocation by Rev. M. E. Hawkins.  
"Motion Song" by primary grade.  
Recitation by Kathleen Stewart.  
Solo by Miss Willie J. Eakman.  
Recitation by Bessie Johnson.  
Piano duet by the Misses Hawkins.  
Address, "Teachers' Institutes," by Judge W. M. Jeter.  
Address, "Our Public Schools," by Hon. F. P. Grever of Miami.  
Address, "Development of Child Mind," by B. H. Baker of Hereford.  
Vocal solo by Prof. Peterson of Amarillo.  
Closing remarks by Rev. Groves.  
Benediction.  
All topics will be open for general discussion. The work in psychology will be based upon Thorndyke's Principles of Teaching.

## For Sale At a Bargain

A saddle and set of single buggy harness for sale cheap. See them at Hick's Feed Store.

## Bakery For Sale.

Will sell the only bakery in this city. Doing good business. Enquire at the City Bakery.

For Sale—White Holland turkeys; Toms \$2, hens \$1 each or \$4 for trio. Plymouth Rock roosters \$1 each. One Poland China boar \$10. J. H. BELL.

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## With The City Churches.

The churches of the city invite all persons to attend the services at their various places of worship. The times of the regular meetings are given below.

## METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. M. E. Hawkins, Pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening, 7:00. Sunday school 10 a. m. D. A. Park Supt., Miss Angie Meyers Sec. Senior League Sunday 4 p. m., Dr. F. M. Wilson, Leader. Junior League Sunday 3 p. m., Mrs. John Hibdon, Leader. Home Mission Society Tuesday afternoon at church, Mrs. John Hibdon, President.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Rev. J. B. White, Pastor. Services Sunday morning 11 o'clock and evening at 7:00. Sunday School—9:45 a. m. Lee Vansant, Supt., Travis Shaw, Secretary. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 8:00. Choir practice Friday 7:00 p. m.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. J. S. Groves, Pastor. Regular services at 11 o'clock Sunday morning and 7:00 o'clock Sunday evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 8:00 o'clock. Sunday School 10 a. m. H. J. Cavet, Supt., Miss Frankie Guber, Sec. Junior Endeavor Society, 4:15 Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Nixon, Leader. Senior Endeavor Society, 6:30 Sunday evening, Miss Bessie Groves, Pres.

## FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.

Services Sunday a. m., 11 o'clock and Sunday p. m., 7 o'clock. Wednesday evening testimonial service at 7 p. m. V. Edna Henson, C. S., first reader. Sunday school 10:15 a. m. All children under 20, welcome. Only teachers, officers and children present. Mrs. Ava R. Hall, superintendent.

## BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. J. M. Harder, Pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 7:00. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. J. C. Hunt, Supt., Miss Columbia Redfearn Sec. Ladies' Aid Society meets at pastor's home every first and third Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mrs. J. A. Harbison, president, Mrs. Carl Coffee, secretary.

## Rotten or Ripe.

The Pessimist growls, clouds hide the sun, the world is dark, pie tilts his digestion, friendships are false and everything is "rotten."

The Optimist carries his own sunbeams, hears the music of busy machinery, of laughing flowers, notes the good points of Fulton Lumber Co's building material, and everything is "ripe."

## County Tools Wanted.

I have been appointed custodian of the tools belonging to Randall county and all persons are requested to bring in to me all tools belonging to the county which they may have in their possession. A word to the wise is sufficient.

W. J. REDFEARN,  
36-2t County Commissioner.

## Christmas Bazaar.

The ladies of the Aid Society of the Christian church will open their bazaar on December 17th in the hardware department of the Canyon Mercantile Co. 37-1t

For Sale—One good mare mule colt out of Carney's jack. See Thos. Lester at Umbarger. 37-2t

Lost—one brown hair braid, finder return to News Office.

## Northwestern Title Co.

Complete Abstract of All Randall County Property

R. A. TERRILL. - MANAGER

## BUSINESS LOCALS

See the Canyon Coal Company for fresh maize chops.

Bryan's Commoner and The News, both one year \$1.80.

Phone 41 when you have an item of local news.

For Sale—Good piano, used about one year. Enquire at this office. 34-tf

For Sale—Seventy head of shoats averaging about 50 pounds. Phone J. A. Wilson's ranch. 35-3tp.

For Sale—Two buggies and harness, one gentle pony, one bedroom suit, one iron bed. 36-tf I. L. VAN SANT.

Celery fresh from the garden, crisp as a new spring radish and as fine flavored as any that ever grew, at the Haunter place.

Parties having land joining or near town and desiring to sell same for bonus purposes to railway committee should see L. G. CONNER, Chairman. tf

The railway committee is or will soon be in the market for some town lots to use on bonus. See L. G. Conner, Chairman. tf

W. H. Aldridge is now located in the Leader building and is prepared to do all kinds of cleaning and pressing. Phone 183.

See the Canyon Coal Company for fresh maize chops.

Phone Aldridge at No. 183 if you want cleaning or pressing done.

For Sale—40 pigs and shoats, some good sows with pigs by a registered male. See Bob Foster. 35-4tp

You have noticed that the most extravagant claim made by others is that their lumber is as good as Fulton Lumber Co's. You have noticed that.

Flour has advanced 20c per hundred but we will, for the next ten days, sell our flour at the same old price.

## CANYON MERCANTILE CO.

For Sale or exchange for unincumbered land a clean, fresh stock of drugs and fixtures. Address W. D. CLEVELAND, 35-5tp Canyon.

Good quality calling cards—100 25 cents.

"All men are made of the same kind of stuff; the difference is in the way the stuff is put together." Be an early and appreciative customer. DO IT NOW. FULTON LUMBER CO.

Cowart's Confectionery candies are good.

We desire to state that F. L. Gano has just finished threshing our kaffir corn and to say that he thoroughly understands such work. He is competent in the management of the threshing machine and we recommend him.

## KEISER BROS. &amp; PHILLIPS.

The candies at J. W. Cowart's confectionery store are the best made.

Nature has borrowed the tints of the rainbow to remind us the procession is passing and the months gliding by. Only a few weeks remain and 1908 will be a matter of history. Now is the time to make the year a good one. Fulton Lumber Co's lumber will give enthusiasm to your effort.

You can always find fresh fruits at Cowart's Confectionery.

For Sale—A 35 h. p. Pope-Toledo touring car. Has just been completely overhauled; tires new and car guaranteed to be in first class condition. Will demonstrate. Has gable horn and speedometer; good road clearance; 36-inch wheels. First check for \$1,000 gets car. Reasons for selling. Runabout answers owner's purpose better. Let me show you this car. Address, P. O. Box 68, Amarillo, Tex. 36-4t

Books with cattle bills of sale.